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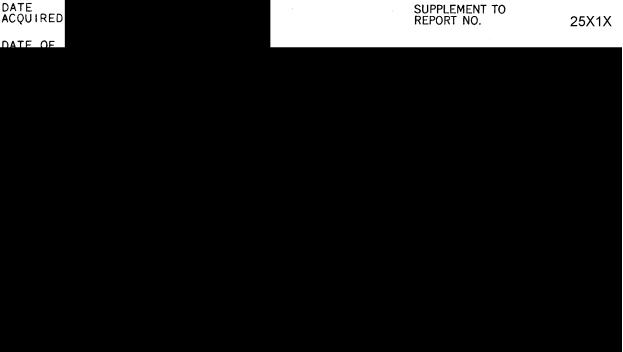
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- 1. The Hungarian Armed Forces are gradually being provided with Soviet arms and equipment. A good part of the arms with the troops are of Soviet origin,
- 2. The following arms are in use:

Infantry: Mossin - Nagant Rifles

Machine Rifle with Soviet drum magazine Machine Pistol with Soviet drum magazine

Soviet Maxim machine gun

8.2 cm and 12 cm Soviet grenade thrower

7.5 cm antitank gun

Artillery: 76 mm Soviet field cannon

122 mm field howitzer

152 mm field howitzer

120 mm mortar

Soviet rocket launchers (series launching)

7.5 cm anti-aircraft gun

37 mm anti-aircraft (clip fed)

Tanks : T-34 and smaller size tanks

In general the training is done with these weapons. All these arms are known from World War II and are mostly used or reconditioned weapons. The Hungarian army uses the classification, 48M, for this material.

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- 3. Motor Vehicular equipment is partly material from World War II, which was turned over by the Soviets, and partly new acquisitions of US. origin. This spring the new type "Botond" troop carrier vehicles appeared, which are entirely of Hungarian manufacture.
- The shipment of Soviet material was done without a system and with delay. Arms arrived in Hungary in two stages. All details on the first-stage shipments have not been fully confirmed. First-stage shipments included infantry and artillery arms and also tanks. These arms were deposited in the vicinity of the Zach Road, at the former motor vehicle training department, and from there were taken to the artillery depot. General Staff Major Lam was in charge of the shipment of ammunition and arms and Lt Col Hertelendy was in charge of receiving. The infantry weapons shipped in the second stage were temporarily deposited in the clothing depot on Daroczy Road. Artillery was sent to the Artillery Depot.
  - a. Second Stage Shipment of Arms and Artillery
    28000,7.72 mm machine pistols with curved magazines
    15000,7.72 mm, infantry rifles
    2800 Automatic rifles (10 round clips)
    12000 Machine Guns
    280 T-34 tanks
    30 Assault guns with muzzle brakes.
    - 600 82 mm mortars
    - 850, 120 mm mortars
    - 60 37 mm anti-aircraft guns (clip fed) 68 75 mm anti-aircraft guns
    - 140 12 cm field guns

12,000

- 80 22 cm field guns
- 76 Series rocket launchers
- b. Second Stage Shipment of Ammunition (shipped in two groups)
  - (1) Group One, shipped to No 2 Armt Ammo. Depot at Deveceser. Available on loan from the CIA Library is a Photostat of a plan of this depot.

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1,600,000
            7.72mm ammo. for infantry rifles .
2,405,000
             7.72mm ammo. for machine pistols.
   18,000
             82mm fragmentation type mortar shells.
9,600,000
             120mm fragmentation type shells.
   26,000
             75mm anti-aircraft fragmentation shells.
             75mm anti-aircraft armor-piercing shells.
   12,000
5,600,000
             T-34 tank fragmentation shells.
8,200,000
             T-34 tank armor-piercing shells.
   19,400
            12cm fragmentation type shells.
   12,000
             22 cm fragmentation type shells.
    8,000
             22cm armor piercing shells.
            rockets for series rocket launchers. 27mm anti-circraft fragmentation shells.
   12,000
   17,800
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(2) Ammunition in this group was sent to the Central Army Ammunition Depot in Nagyteteny.

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3,600,000
            7.72mm ammo for infantry rifles (eight carloads)
            7.72mm ammo for machine pistol and pistol
4,200,000
            (5 carloads)
   38,000
            82mm mortar shells (17 carloads)
   32,000
            120mm mortar shells (25 carloads)
   46,000
            37mm anti-aircraft fragmentation shells
            ( six carloads)
    26,000
            37mm anti-aircraft armor-piercing shells
            (three carloads)
    28,000
            75mm anti-aircraft fragmentation shells
            (18 carloads)
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37 mm anti-aircraft armor-piercing shells.

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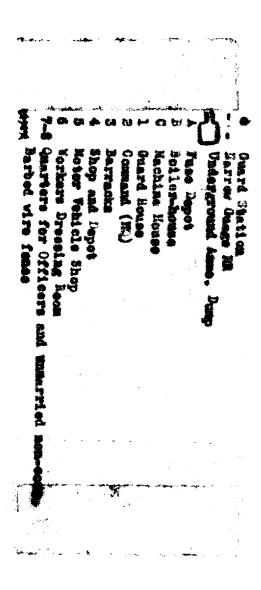
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14,000	75mm anti-aircraft armor-piercing shells (ll carloads)
30.000	T-34 tank armor-piercing shells (24 carloads)
22,000	T-34 tank fragmentation shells (16 carloads)
10.400	rockets for series rocket launchers
16,000	12cm fragmentation shells (15 carloads)
14.000	22cm fragmentation type shells (15 carloads)

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